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Roxbury, Oct. 23, 1878.

Dear friend Tracy:

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Your letter, partly in regard to the death of dear George Thompson, is received. I expected to learn of the event at a much earlier date; for, when I bade him a final adieu (so far as relates to this earthly life) at Leeds, a year ago last July, he seemed to me then very near the day of his dissolution. It was pitiable indeed to see him so broken and bowed down, so tottering in his gait, so hard of hearing, so paralyzed in his vocal organs; comfort being obtained only in the fact that his faculties were clear, and his interest in his American friends and co-laborers, and in every progressive movement, was as vital as ever. His work was done, and he has entered into rest. Forty-three years ago the Boston Journal was in common with the Commercial Gazette, the Advertiser, and

other daily papers) exceedingly violent in
its denunciations of Mr. Thompson
specially, and of the Abolitionists
generally. Since then, it has passed
through various hands, but steadily
reflected the public sentiment of the
town; and the readiness with which it
published my biographical sketch of
Mr. Thompson — long and eulogistic
as it was, and referring as it did to
his infamous treatment in Boston in
1834-5 — indicated how great a change
had been wrought in the feelings of the
community. At the same time,
nothing could be more paradoxical
than the appearance, in the same
number of the Journal (as you re-
mark), of "a fulsome eulogy of He-
miah Adams — South-side Adams" —
the Evangelical defender and panegy-
rist of chattel slavery!

It was a very gratifying and
handsome reception extended to me
by the "Franklin Club," and I am sure
you would have greatly enjoyed the

occasion, as all present manifestly did. My connection with the printer's "craft" is to me a source of unspeakable pride and delight, and it had everything to do with shaping my career and literally putting into my hands the great instrumentalities for the final overthrow of the slave system. Had I not been a practical printer - an expert compositor and able to work at the press - there had been no Liberator. I am glad to know that its "imposing stone" is still in your possession. How many days and nights have I nearly bent over it, in getting ready the paper for prompt publication!

What a "stone of stumbling" and a "rock of offence" it was to all the enemies of emancipation!

I have not time to write anything concerning our national affairs; nevertheless, I am watching them with the profoundest interest. The so-called "conciliatory" policy of President Hayes

Towards the South has proved as
misaim, as would be an attempt to
extinguish a conflagration by feeding
it with petroleum. It has crushed
the Republican party - crushed liberty
of speech, of the press, of assembling
together to provide for a just repre-
sentation politically - and crushed
the whole population of enfranchised
colored citizens, in all that section of
~~the~~^{our} country, and given to traitors and
usurpers absolute control.

And the end is not yet. If this course
be ~~persevered~~ persisted in, we must be pre-
pared to witness at the South "The
"Lorrors of Saint Domingo" at no
distant day.

Yours for freedom and justice,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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